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THAT in the ninth of the articles of confederation, the words between “provided” in the fifth line, and “whatsoever” in the eleventh line of the said article, be annulled; and that in lieu thereof, the following paragraph be adopted as part of the ninth article, when confirmed by the legislatures of every state, viz.

“Of regulating the trade of the states as well with foreign nations, as with each other, and of laying such imposts and duties, upon imports and exports, as may be necessary for the purpose; provided that the citizens of the states shall in no instance be subjected to pay higher imposts and duties, than those imposed on the subjects of foreign powers; provided also, that the legislative power of the several states shall not be restrained from prohibiting the importation or exportation of any species of goods or commodities; whatsoever; provided also, that all such duties as may be imposed shall be collected under the authority and accrue to the use of the state in which the same shall be payable; and provided lastly, that every act of Congress for the above purpose, shall have the assent of nine states in Congress assembled, and be confirmed by the legislatures of nine states.

That a letter be addressed to the legislatures of the several states shewing the principles on which the above alteration is proposed by Congress.